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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

8 PAUL LEWIS,

9 Petitioner,

Case No. C19-095-JCC-MLP

10 v.

11 MICHAEL OBENLAND,

12 Respondent.

ORDER DENYING PETITIONER'S
MOTION TO STRIKE

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14 This is a federal habeas action brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. This matter comes before
15 the Court at the present time on Petitioner's motion to strike Respondent's reply brief filed in
16 support of his answer to Petitioner's federal habeas petition. (Dkt. # 26.) Petitioner asserts that
17 Respondent was required to get prior approval from the Court before filing a reply brief and,
18 because he failed to do so, the brief should be stricken. (*Id.*) Petitioner overlooks the fact that the
19 Court expressly authorized the filing of a reply brief in both its Order directing service of
20 Petitioner's federal habeas petition on Respondent (*see* dkt. # 13, ¶ 3), and its more recent Order
21 granting Petitioner's motion for extension of time (*see* dkt. # 22, ¶ 2). Petitioner's motion to
22 strike is therefore without merit.
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1 Accordingly, the Court ORDERS as follows:

2 (1) Petitioner's motion to strike (dkt. # 26) is DENIED.

3 (2) The Clerk shall send copies of this Order to Petitioner, to counsel for Respondent,
4 and to the Honorable John C. Coughenour.

5 DATED this 19th day of September, 2019.

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8 MICHELLE L. PETERSON
9 United States Magistrate Judge
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